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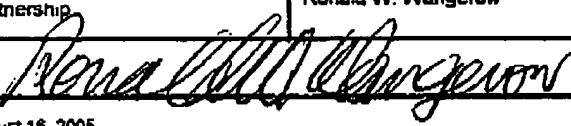
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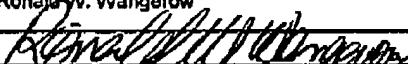
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Application No.: 10/081,130

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Applicant: Johnston

Group Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: Vishal Patel

Title: SHAFT SEAL HAVING A HINGE AND A LINER

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM UNDER
 35 U.S.C. 120 AND 35 U.S.C. 119(e) OF PRIOR FILED APPLICATION AND
 PROVISIONAL APPLICATION (37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6))**

NOTE. 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a): "(3) If the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and paragraph (a)(2) of this section is presented after the time period provided by paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the claim under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(c) for the benefit of a prior-filed copending nonprovisional application or international application designating the United States of America may be accepted if the reference identifying the prior-filed application by application number or international application number and international filing date was unintentionally delayed. A petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(c) for the benefit of a prior-filed application must be accompanied by.

(i) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and paragraph (a)(2) of this section to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted; (Added 12/28/01);

(ii) The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and (Revised 12/28/01);

(iii) A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional. (Revised 5/1/03)

(6) If the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and paragraph (a)(5) of this section is presented in a nonprovisional application after the time period provided by paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section, the claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application may be accepted during the pendency of the later-filed application if the reference identifying the prior-filed application by provisional application number was unintentionally delayed. A petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application must be accompanied by.

(i) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and paragraph (a)(5) of this section to the prior-filed provisional application, unless previously submitted;

(ii) The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and

(iii) A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional."

1. Applicant hereby petitions in accordance with § 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) to claim the benefit for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of prior co-pending U.S. Patent Application 09/494,050 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,428,013) which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/117,723 filed on January 29, 1999.
2. Applicant submits herewith an amendment to the first sentence, after the title of the application (1.78(a)(5)) making references in this application to prior filed applications whose benefit is claimed.
3. Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) and (a)(5)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.
4. The surcharge fee set forth in § 1.17(t), required by 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6)(ii), is paid as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)
AND 1.78(a)(6)

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Paragraph at page 1, lines 1-3 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application identified as Application Number 60/270,803, filed February 23, 2001, and Application Number 09/494,050, filed January 28, 2000, now USPN 6,428,013, which claims the benefit of provisional Application Number 60/117,723, filed January 29, 1999.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

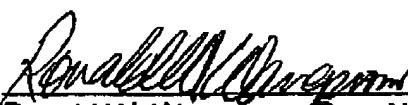
The specification was amended herewith to claim the benefit of prior applications.

CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (734) 354-5445.

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